

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of Claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

Claims 1 - 22 (Cancelled).

Claim 23 (New) A surgical towel, comprising:

a sheet of woven fabric comprising at least one stitched hem;

a thread for stitching the hem; and

at least one piece of x-ray detectable material attached to the fabric by the thread, the x-ray detectable material protruding from the hem, the x-ray detectable material allowing indication of the surgical towel upon x-ray and visually identifying the surgical towel as x-ray detectable.

Claim 24 (New) The surgical towel of claim 23, whereby the at least one stitched hem is stitched with a thread of a different color than a color of the fabric, the thread color further visually identifying the surgical towel as x-ray detectable.

Claim 25 (New) The surgical towel of claim 23, whereby the piece of x-ray detectable material comprises Barite, Barium, or BaSO₄.

Claim 26 (New) The surgical towel of claim 25, whereby the piece of x-ray detectable material further comprises polyvinyl chloride (PVC).

Claim 27 (New) The surgical towel of claim 26, whereby the piece of x-ray detectable material comprises 60% BaSO₄ and 40% PVC.

Claim 28 (New) The surgical towel of claim 23, whereby the sheet of woven fabric comprises cotton, synthetic material or a combination of these.

Claim 29 (New) The surgical towel of claim 23, whereby the sheet of woven fabric is single-ply.

Claim 30 (New) The surgical towel of claim 23, the x-ray detectable material comprising shaped, coded, numbered, or identifying characteristics to identify an x-rayed object as a surgical towel.

Claim 31 (New) A surgical towel, comprising:

- a sheet of single-ply woven cotton fabric having four edges;
- at least one hem stitched in at least one of the four edges;
- a thread of a different color than a color of the cotton fabric for stitching the at least one hem, the color of the thread visually identifying the surgical towel as x-ray detectable; and

at least one piece of x-ray detectable material attached to the fabric by the thread, the x-ray detectable material allowing indication of the surgical towel upon x-ray.

Claim 32 (New) The surgical towel of claim 31, whereby the piece of x-ray detectable material comprises Barite, Barium, or BaSO₄.

Claim 33 (New) The surgical towel of claim 32, whereby the piece of x-ray detectable material further comprises polyvinyl chloride (PVC).

Claim 34 (New) The surgical towel of claim 33, whereby the piece of x-ray detectable material comprises 60% BaSO₄ and 40% PVC.

Claim 35 (New) The surgical towel of claim 31, the x-ray detectable material comprising shaped, coded, numbered, or identifying characteristics to identify an x-rayed object as a surgical towel.

Claim 36 (New) A surgical towel, comprising:

- a sheet of single-ply woven cotton fabric having four edges;
- at least one hem stitched in at least one of the four edges;
- a thread of a different color than a color of the cotton fabric for stitching the at least one hem, the color of the thread visually identifying the surgical towel as x-ray detectable; and

at least one piece of x-ray detectable material attached to the sheet of fabric by the thread, the x-ray detectable material protruding from the hem, the x-ray detectable material comprising shaped, coded, numbered, or identifying characteristics to identify an x-rayed object as a surgical towel.

Claim 37 (New) The surgical towel of claim 36, whereby the piece of x-ray detectable material comprises Barite, Barium, or BaSO₄.